

KRATZ WILL NOT APPEAL HIS CASE

Will Return Voluntarily If Released
By Mexican Government.

TIRED OF LIFE IN PRISON

Case To Be Settled Under Comity
Rules Instead of Treaties,
Leaving Him But Little
Hope of Escape.

Guadalajara, Mex., Dec. 12.—Kratz Friday made the announcement that in case the department of foreign relations and chief executive approve the finding of Judge Rojas favorable to extradition he will not fight the case further, as at first intended, as that would mean at least two months more in jail for him, and he is heartily sick of confinement.

If the government's desire is to release him he says he will go back and face the whole thing out. He says his patience and forbearance are about exhausted, and if pressed too hard he declares he will make things warm for persons in high political circles.

Kratz declares his mind is unalterably made up. Neither persuasions of friends nor entreaties of his family, he says, can prevent his following out his determination should he not be liberated by order of the department of foreign relations reversing the decision of Judge Rojas.

Chief of Detectives Desmond was just on the point of boarding a train to return to the states last night when, hearing of the new turn in the case, he canceled his Pullman reservation and decided to remain here for further instructions.

Castanos, Kratz's attorney, departed Friday for Mexico City to use all his power with the department and the chief executive on behalf of his client. On this appeal Kratz will base his final hope.

Will Be Turned Over to Desmond.

City of Mexico, Dec. 12.—The documents in the Kratz case were received Thursday night by the department of foreign relations. They are a voluminous lot of papers, which must be gone over thoroughly and afterward referred to the president of the republic.

Minister Mariscal, following the death of his wife, resumed his duties yesterday, and will give the case his personal attention.

It is believed the order for the delivery of the accused to the United States will be sent before the close of next week, when the prisoner will be turned over to Chief Desmond, who was appointed by the president of the United States as his special commissioner.

BARBAGLIA PARDONED.

Italian Tool of Fraudulent Naturalization Manipulators Pardon-
ed by the President.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The president has granted a pardon to John Barbaglia, who acted as government witness in the naturalization fraud cases which were tried in the federal court for the eastern district of Missouri, at St. Louis, resulting in the conviction of John P. Dolan, Thomas E. Barrett and Frank Garrett.

United States District Attorney Dyer in a letter to the president, in which he was joined by Judge Elmer B. Adams, of the United States district court, recommended that a pardon be granted to Barbaglia, who had been previously convicted and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. It was apparent that Barbaglia was simply the tool of criminals higher up.

GUNBOAT CASTINE ASHORE.

United States War Vessel Went
Aground Near Marcus Hook—
Floated at High Tide.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—The United States gunboat Castine, which left League Island navy yard for Key West, was grounded Friday in the Delaware river near Marcus Hook, 15 miles from here, between the high tides. At high tide Friday afternoon the tug Samoset, with the aid of the Castine's engines, floated the little warship. She was apparently uninjured.

BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL.

Capt. Charles P. Talbot Died Sudden-
ly of Heart Disease at
Brookline, Mass.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Capt. Charles P. Talbot, British consul-general at Boston, died suddenly at his residence in Brookline Friday. Capt. Talbot suffered an attack of heart disease Thursday night, after attending a dinner of the Victoria club. His condition rapidly grew worse Friday. He held posts in Russia and Spain, in the latter country receiving the thanks of the American government for his services during the Spanish-American war.

"Flying Squadron" Made 25 Arrests.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The "flying squadron" of the police department continued its round-up Thursday night of all persons who could not satisfactorily account for their presence on the streets after ten o'clock. Twenty-five arrests were made and a few guns captured. One of the men carried a cap, a gun and a bottle of powder.

Bishop Bradley Critically Ill.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 12.—The Rt. Rev. Dennis M. Bradley, Roman Catholic bishop of Manchester, is critically ill of intestinal trouble.

Large Number Return to Europe.

New York, Dec. 12.—Twelve hundred stowaway passengers sailed from this port Friday on the steamer La Champagne and \$50 on the Lahn, making the total number returning to Europe during the anti-Christmas rush nearly 50,000.

Nominated by the President.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The president Friday sent to the senate the nomination of Cornelius N. Van Hosen to be registrar of the land office at Springfield, Mo.

ASK CONGRESS FOR BIG LOAN

World's Fair Delegates Negotiating
For \$4,500,000.

If They Get the Money It Will Be
Paid in Installments and Be
Closed Up by November 1.

Washington, Dec. 12.—One of the objects of the visit to Washington of Messrs. D. R. Francis, D. M. Houser and W. H. Thompson is believed to be that as representatives of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co. they seek to secure \$4,500,000 from the United States government in behalf of the exposition. As they ask for anything or expect the government to contribute any additional aid it will be in the nature of a loan. They will not ask a direct appropriation of the amount. It is understood that \$1,000,000 is to be turned over to the exposition company on January 1 next, \$1,000,000 on February 1, \$1,000,000 on March 1, \$1,000,000 on April 1, and \$500,000 on May 1. In other words, the total amount of \$4,500,000 is desired in five installments, each of \$1,000,000, with the exception of the last, which will be of \$500,000. The plan contemplates the exposition company obligating itself for the repayment to the government of the entire amount in installments of the same character. It proposes to pay back \$1,000,000 on or after August 1, \$1,000,000 on September 1, \$1,000,000 on October 1, \$1,000,000 on November 1, \$500,000 on December 1.

Late Friday night President Francis

made the formal statement: "We are in Washington to present the claims of St. Louis to the national republican convention of 1904. While here we are conferring with some of the members of both houses of congress concerning the scope of our exposition and its possible needs. No new policy has been formulated nor has any proposition been made to congress or to the administration.

"The exposition has assumed proportions beyond our most sanguine expectations. Applications for space from foreign countries and from domestic exhibitors are far in excess of the supply, although we have 128 acres under roof, and that is far more than any other exposition has ever had.

"All but three of the exhibit palaces are practically completed. We are receiving and installing exhibits, and shall be thoroughly ready for the opening April 30, 1904. The attendance from every section of the Union and its possessions and from foreign countries will be unprecedented.

Friday afternoon at one o'clock the members of the Missouri delegation in congress met in Senator Coker's committee room in the senate wing of the capitol. There they met Mr. Francis, Mr. Houser and Mr. Thompson, who made a statement to them regarding what they desired. There was an interchange of opinions as to methods and plans to be pursued in order to bring about results desired by the World's fair gentlemen, but no formal action was taken.

FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE.

The Forestry School Building Is
Completely Gutted—Loss Placed
at \$100,000.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 12.—Yale university students sustained a severe loss early Saturday morning when the Forestry school building was completely gutted by fire. The loss involved is estimated at over \$100,000 on the building alone, while many fine specimens of plants and trees, which can not be replaced, were destroyed.

The fire started, it is believed, from an overheated furnace in the lower part of the building.

The building was formerly the residence of Prof. Marsh. It was constructed of stone, and was three stories high.

BAD TROLLEY CAR ACCIDENT.

All on Board Severely Shaken Up
and Bruised; Dr. Lyon Prob-
ably Fatally Injured.

Canton, O., Dec. 12.—Henry Everett's private trolley car, "Josephine," with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Currie and Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Lyon, all of Akron, as passengers, was wrecked in this city Friday afternoon.

Dr. Lyon was probably fatally hurt, while Mrs. Lyon received injuries that may prove serious. The car was badly damaged. The accident occurred at the junction of the Canton & Akron Electric railway and the city line. The car was coming toward the city at a lively rate and the motor man applied the air some distance before the switch was reached, but the wheels slipped on the rails, and the front trucks left the track and struck a telephone pole, knocking it down and battering in the end of the car. All those on board were severely shaken up and were somewhat bruised. Mr. Currie is general manager of the Northern Ohio Traction Co.

Barge Canal Project Passed.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The state board of canvassers at its meeting Friday declared the \$101,000,000 barge canal project carried by a vote of 245, 312. There were 673,010 votes in favor of the proposition and 427,698 against it.

Monument For Longfellow.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Hoar introduced a bill Friday providing for a site and authorizing the erection in Washington of a monument to the memory of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Burglars Loot Theater Safe.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 12.—The part of the Club theater in this city containing the safe was wrecked at three o'clock Friday morning by burglars, who secured \$300 in money. The robbers were seen to run from the building. The theater belongs to the Crawford circuit.

Negro Murderer Hanged.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 12.—John McGee, the colored murderer of Detective William Murphy, was hanged Friday morning.

SHERIFF HELD UP BY TWO BANDITS

They Capture Officer While He Is
Trying to Make Arrest.

TAKE HIS WEAPON AND MONEY

At Point of Revolver They Compel
Him to Board Moving Train,
Then They Rob Station
and Escape.

Galena, Kas., Dec. 14.—Two bandits held up Sheriff Charles L. Raines of Cherokee county in the station at Baxter Springs early Sunday morning and, after relieving him of all his money and a revolver, compelled him to board a train which was just pulling out of the city. When it had sped on its way with the minion of the law the desperadoes walked into the station and took everything of value, while the agent stood against the wall with his hands elevated above his head. Afterwards the bandits escaped in a lively rig.

Sheriff Raines was on his way to Columbus. He departed from here shortly after 11 o'clock. About three miles out from Baxter Springs he noticed a man whom he recognized as Clarence Cunningham, who was among the six men who recently broke jail at Columbus.

When the train stopped at Baxter Springs Cunningham left the coach and entered the depot. Sheriff Raines, bent on making the capture, did not lose sight of his man, but followed him into the station.

No sooner had they both entered than the sheriff drew his revolver, covering the fugitive, declared: "Cunningham, I want you."

Cunningham did not say a word or move out of his tracks, but instantly a confederate, whom Sheriff Raines had not noticed, whipped out his revolver and leveled it on the officer. "Not so fast, General," exclaimed the bandit. "Throw up your own hands. You don't want any prisoners around here."

Raines saw that he was cornered and there was no use to fight, for he would have been shot to death, so the only thing he could possibly do would be to kill Cunningham, so up went his hands and the robbers searched him. While the unidentified man kept him covered, Cunningham relieved him of the revolver, his watch and \$1 in money.

Cunningham and his companion then marched the officer out of the station to the train, which was pulling out, and commanded him to board it.

As the train steamed away the bold-up tossed Raines' revolver into the vestibule after him, with the exclamation: "Here, take your little gun; it's too small for our business!"

They Rob Station Agent.
It seems that little or no commotion was caused by the proceeding, for the bandits re-entered the station, where the agent was still at work.

Cunningham covered the agent with a revolver and commanded him to "line up against the wall," which he did promptly without any parley, while the unidentified man searched the till, taking all its contents.

From the station they proceeded downtown to a livery stable, where they engaged a team to drive out in the country to look at some cattle which they said they wished to buy. They said they would be back by seven o'clock to catch a train. They drove out of town and, of course, have not returned.

CHICAGO BREAKS RECORD.

Coldest Weather Experienced For
Years—One Man Found
Frozen to Death.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Sunday was the coldest day in Chicago for this season of the year since 1876.

Early Sunday morning the temperature began to go down, until at 8 a. m. it had reached 13 below. The only time that this mark had been passed in the history of the weather bureau was December 9, 1876, when 14 below was registered. During the day it began to moderate, and Sunday night the mercury is hovering around the zero mark, and the indications for today are for warmer weather, with snow storms.

On account of the cold and the heavy condition of the streets, owing to the heavy fall of snow Saturday, the three-story department store of Bodzinski & Co., in West Twenty-second street, was destroyed. A special call for engines was sent in, but before they could reach the scene of the fire through the drifts of snow the building had been completely destroyed, causing a loss of \$85,000.

So far but one death, that of William Duffy, a switchman, who was found frozen to death in the Chicago & Northwestern railroad yards has been reported.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN IN ROME.

Received in Private Audience by
the Pope and Lunched With
Ambassador Meyer.

Rome, Dec. 14.—William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by his son, was received in private audience by the pope Sunday. Mr. Bryan was presented by Mr. Kennedy, rector of the American college, who acted as interpreter. His holiness spoke with great interest of the Catholics in the United States.

Negro Veteran Frozen to Death.

Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 14.—William Hilliard, a negro veteran of the soldiers' home, was found frozen to death Saturday evening. Hilliard was slightly demented and he wandered from the hospital early Saturday morning and found his way into a cemetery.

Secretary Hay Improvised.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary Hay continues to improve satisfactorily. He is resting comfortably and transacting necessary business at his home.

JERSEY CATTLE AT THE FAIR

Forty Head Representing the Finest
Specimens On Earth.

Here Is to Represent the Jersey
Breed at World's Fair to Test
Milk-Producing Qualities.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—The Louisiana Purchase committee of the American Jersey Cattle club visited the fair grounds recently to inspect the herd of Jersey cattle which has just been quartered in the northwestern end of the Horticulture building.

Forty Jersey cattle, including two world-famous Jersey bulls, are now housed in the barn mentioned. They are in the care of C. T. Graves, of Maitland, Mo., and a corps of experienced helpers, including Rolla Oliver, who figured in a similar capacity at a number of previous exhibitions.

Each of the cows is registered in the American Jersey club herd register, and has a pedigree that dates back for some ten generations of cows. Each is marked carefully by its owner, either with tattoo marks, with metal ear tags or with metal tags locked about the horns.

The owners of the United States cows live all over the United States, from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Me. Dorinda's Darling, the property of the Ladd estate, of Portland, Ore., occupies a stall besides Conan the VII., of Hood's Farm, the property of C. I. Hood, the millionaire patent medicine manufacturer of Lowell, Mass. The Blossom of Florence, owned by H. F. Probert, of Jackson, Mich., stands beside Eastlake Girl, owned by R. A. Sibley, of Rochester, N. Y. Every one of the cows comes from stock that have made butter and milk records for decades past. Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston millionaire, from his farm, "Dreamworld," Dr. Charles E. Still, the osteopath of Kirkville, Mo., and Frank W. Hart, of Chicago, all of whom are rich, who farm Jersey cattle for the mere pleasure of the pursuit, have cows in the herd.

The two bulls that head the herd have even longer records than the cows. They may be said to be the finest male specimens of the breed on earth. One, Mary Malden's Third Son, a gray-coated animal owned by H. C. Taylor, of Orfordville, Wis., is the product of Mary Malden, the champion butter cow of the Chicago World's fair. His sire is Brown Bessie's son, whose mother was the winner of the 90 days' test at the Chicago fair.

This bull is considered to be one of the best of American-bred Jersey bulls. The other bull is Flying Fox's Foxhall, owned by Thomas W. Lawson. He was sired by the Champion, Flying Fox, and was bred in the Isle of Jersey.

This herd is to represent the Jersey breed of cattle in a demonstration at the World's fair to test the milk-producing qualities of different breeds of cattle. This herd will compete with the pick of the Holstein-Friesian, the Ayrshire and the Brown Swiss breeds. In this test each cow is to be charged up with the amount of feed consumed by it and be credited with the amount of milk it produces. The milk will be tested for quantity and richness in butter fat.

FIRST MINISTER TO PANAMA.

W. L. Buchanan Appointed to Represent
the United States at the
Isthmian Republics' Capital.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The president has selected W. L. Buchanan of New York, to be the first United States minister to Panama.

Mr. Buchanan's selection was brought about by a desire on the part of the president to secure temporarily, at least, and during the crystallization of the relations between the United States and Panama, the services of a trained and experienced diplomatic representative, having a special preference to his knowledge of the Latin-American races. By reason of long service as United States minister to the Argentine republic, Mr. Buchanan fills that description in the estimation of the state department.

The new minister was originally from Ohio, and represented the state as an agricultural commissioner at the World's fair at Chicago. Next, Mr. Buchanan became director-general of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. He also has been looking after certain interests of the St. Louis exposition.

BAD WRECK ON THE B. & O.

Two Engines and Twenty-Four
Loaded Cars Tumbled in Deep Ravine,
Carrying Crew With Them.

Piedmont, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Fifteen men were killed and several severely injured as the overturning of two engines attached to a heavy Baltimore & Ohio freight train on the "17-mile" grade near this city.

While descending the "17-mile grade" the train to which was attached two engines, left the track. The engines and 24 loaded cars tumbled into a deep ravine, carrying the trainmen with them. The tracks were torn up for nearly a hundred yards, but it is thought that traffic will be resumed late Sunday night.

POSTAL CLERKS SENTENCED.

Columbus Upton and C. E. McGregor
Sentenced to the Mary-
land Penitentiary.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 14.—Columbus Upton and Charles W. McGregor, former clerks in the post office department at Washington, who were found guilty of postal frauds on Thursday last, were sentenced Saturday by Judge Morris to serve two years in the Maryland state penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000 each.

Result of an Election Quarrel.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 14.—In a quarrel over the judicial at Harrisburg Sunday James Stout stabbed and fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff D. D. Lockwood. Lockwood was stabbed several times near the heart.

Zero at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—Zero weather continued throughout the day in Nebraska, with a slight moderation Sunday night. The weather bureau predicts higher temperature for today.

NEW ORLEANS FLYER WRECKED

Passenger and Freight Collide at
East St. Louis.

THE ENGINE CREWS ESCAPED

Mail Car Went Down an Embank-
ment, Slightly Injuring Three
Mail Clerks—The Passen-
gers Shaken Up.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—Speeding along at the rate of 30 miles an hour, the "New Orleans Flyer" of the Louisville & Nashville, carrying 120 passengers, and a freight train of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad, collided with terrific force at Third street and St. Clair avenue, East St. Louis, at 7:40 o'clock Saturday morning.

Jumped for Their Lives.
The accident meant life or death to the engine crews. Without a moment's deliberation the engineers and firemen jumped from their cabs to the ground.

The mail car attached to the passenger train was telescoped, and the three clerks, Russell McCormick, of Nashville, Tenn.; W. Spickard and H. Wagenthal, of Nashville, Ill., clung to the sides of the car as it toppled down a 20-foot embankment.

Spickard and McCormick received cuts on the face, but otherwise the mail clerks escaped uninjured.

In jumping from his engine, Clarence Shaw, fireman on the passenger train, was painfully bruised about the face and body. Lifting himself to his feet, and without waiting for a physician, he started for his home.

Fireman Badly Bruised.
"Just so none of the passengers are hurt I'll not worry about myself," were the words of the fireman to those who "loved him sympathy."

The collision did not completely derail both trains is inexplicable to the men who witnessed it.

Passengers Rudely Shaken Up.
All of the passengers were badly shaken up, and some of them were thrown in a heap to the floor. The women screamed in their fright, and for a few moments the strongest nerves gave way.

The Louisville & Nashville train consisted of three passenger coaches, a mail car, three sleepers and a baggage and express car. The freight train was made up of four coal cars. The Iron Mountain was going east on the in-bound track, and the passenger was coming west. Near Third street and St. Clair avenue is a half-mile curve. Around this the passenger train was speeding when the freight came into view. The trains were just 20 yards apart. It was too late to stop.

The engines are almost a total wreck, the collision piling them one upon the other.

WILL TRAIN ITS TRAINMEN.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois
Company Will Train Its Train-
men to Give First Aid.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The trainmen of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and are to be given a course of instruction regarding the best method of giving first aid to the injured in case of railway wrecks. The project has been started at the annual banquet which the officials of the company tendered the surgeons of the entire system at the Great Northern hotel. The plan is to establish schools in the various division headquarters, and require the trainmen to attend the lectures and demonstrations which will be given on the subject. Examinations will be held from time to time, and before many months one car in each Eastern Illinois train, both freight and passenger, will have an emergency box well stocked with the necessary articles to use in accidents.

THE HOOSIERS OF ST. LOUIS.

Fifth Annual Banquet of the Indiana
Society of St. Louis
Friday Night.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—The Indiana Society of St. Louis gave its fifth annual banquet at the Planters' hotel Friday night. The guest of honor from Indiana was Lieut. Gov. Newton W. Gilbert, who responded to the toast, "The Hoosier Lawyer." The other speakers were Judge Leo Rasseier, Dr. C. C. Morris and Don C. Summers. Joseph Flory did the honors of toastmaster.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS.

New Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis
and a Minister to Republic
of Panama.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The president sent to the senate the following nominations:

Assistant treasurer, Thomas J. Aikins, at St. Louis, Mo.

Envoy, extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Panama, William I. Buchanan, of New York.

Domestic Tragedy.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—James Koterba, a woodworker living at 1101 South Kenzie avenue, shot and instantly killed his wife Friday night, as she lay in bed and then shot himself in the head. He was removed to the hospital in a dying condition.

Ordered to Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 13.—A telegram received from Senator Mallory states that Secretary Moody has ordered the entire training ship squadron to come to Pensacola immediately after the celebration in New Orleans.

He Ate Thirty Quail.

Virginia, Ill., Dec. 13.—Howard F. Randolph, a young clothing merchant, has proved conclusively that a man can eat 30 quail in 30 consecutive days. He ate the thirtieth bird, Friday, with the same zest as he ate the first one.

Fall Kills Signal Man.

Cotton, Ark., Dec. 13.—Louis Collins, signal man on concrete work at the White river bridge here, was killed by falling from an overhead cab. Collins fell 44 feet, from the top of the pier, and died in four hours.

NEWS FROM THE ISTHMUS

Rear-Admiral Glass Busy Running
Down Reports.

The Mayflower and Atlanta Sent
to Investigate Stories of Land-
ing of Colombian Troops.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Rear-Admiral Glass announcing that he is making every effort to run down the various reports regarding Colombian expeditions to the isthmus. He had ordered the Mayflower to the mouth of the Atrato river to make a thorough investigation, and if necessary, a reconnaissance of that region also will be made to definitely ascertain whether there are any Colombia troops in that section. The Atlanta also has been ordered to patrol the northern coast of the isthmus on the same mission. The commanders of both vessels are under instructions to conduct their investigation with all possible dispatch and return to Colon, so that the navy department may have a full official report of the exact situation.

Ordered to Panama.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The torpedo boats Perry and Paul Jones have been ordered to proceed from the Mare Island (Cal.) navy yard to Panama, to augment Admiral Glass' fleet. The Paul Jones will be placed in commission at once.

THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

Steps Being Taken For the Forma-
tion of a Permanent Republi-
can Government.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The state department has been informed that final steps have been taken for the formation of a permanent republican form of government in Panama. The news came in a dispatch from Consul General Gudgeon, dated Panama, Saturday, as follows:

"Election for constitutional convention called for January 4. The convention meets 20th January."

LAYS IT TO SPANISH WAR.

A German Officer's Downfall
Traced to His Marriage With a
Cuban Heiress.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The Spanish-American war is held responsible for the financial and moral ruin of Lieut. Col. Goetz Und Schwanenfeldt of the King Friedrich Wilhelm III's grenadier regiment at Frankfurt-on-the-Oder, who, Thursday, was sentenced to two years and three months in a penitentiary for forging the signatures of comrades and their wives to promissory notes. Schwanenfeldt married a Cuban heiress, having an income amounting to \$12,500 before the war. The income rapidly diminished during the war, and finally ceased altogether. The family were unable to accustom themselves to the changed situation, and friends were obliged to settle their numerous debts. Finally Schwanenfeldt yielded to temptation and forged signatures to new notes.

Read What Mrs. Weissnitz Says.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years my life was simply a burden. I suffered so with female troubles, and pains across my back and loins. The doctor told me that I had kidney troubles and prescribed for me. For three months I took his medicine, but grew steadily worse. My husband then advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and brought home a bottle. It is the greatest blessing ever brought to our home. Within three months I was a changed woman. My pain had disappeared, my complexion became clear, my eyes bright, and my entire system in good shape."—MRS. PAULA WEISSNITZ, 176 Seneca St., Buffalo, N.Y.—\$5000 forfeit if original or above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

THE EMPEROR AT BERLIN.

Emperor William and the Empress
Arrive in Berlin From Pots-
dam—Warmly Cheered.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Emperor William and the empress arrived here, Saturday, from Potsdam. They were warmly cheered by the crowds in the streets. It was the emperor's first appearance outside the park of the new palace at Potsdam since the operation on his throat. He looked perfectly strong and healthy, his cheeks having a good color, such as he naturally would have from hours spent every day in the open air of the park.

WILL RETURN TO MEXICO.

Grant Gillett Has Signified His In-
tention of Returning to Mexi-
co—Not Going to Kansas.

Abilene, Kas., Dec. 13.—A telegram from Fortoria, O., says that Grant Gillett, the ex-Kansas cattle king, who was negotiating with his southwestern creditors property to returning to this part of the country, has decided, instead, to go to New York, where he will return to Mexico. Gillett has, it is said, given up his plans to return to